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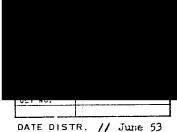
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- I have little information about medical research which is being conducted by the Chinese Communists, but I believe that some research is probably being done in the larger centers. I do not believe any is being done on Hainan.
- nospital in Hoibow after the From what I saw of medical practices in the Communists took it ever I would say that medical practices were moving backwards in China rather than forward. The attitude of the doctors who are working for the Communists seems to be that they will do what they can to treat a patient as long as it does not involve anything out of the ordinary or anything which would be risky. They avoid trying anything new because anything they do which is unusual culls attention to them, and if anything goes wrong they are held : esponsible.
- My impression is that there were no partitular nistorical accomplishments in medical research in Communies China prior to 1949. The doctors under the Communists were caring for the people but they were not going ahead with research.
- In the field of nutrition I have neared that some research has been done involving food Items which had not preshously took used in China, but I am unable to rame any of them.
- The Chinese Communists apparently believe that every doctor and nurse should have the opportunity to take avaduate training after they have received their legrees. Ductors and nurses from Hitner have been sent to the mainland for graduate training since the demministry have been an control, and I am not sure where on the mainland they go distinutely, but they all go at least as for as danton.
- have heard nothing about surces receiving special training for the Filatov sissue therapy method, but some to some in Hollnow are trying it without any particular training, and their autempt, have stirred up some agitation. One of he nurses who had seen one on two of the cases said that the method had not been satisfactory. In Houg Kong I carbon with a US doctor who told me that he had seen printed reports or the use of the Filatov method by Communist doctors at

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the Tungkun leger colony (on an island between Hong Kong and Canton) and that the reports were enthusiastic. He said that later he had talked with people who had been there and seen the work that had been done, and they reported that the end results were not good -- that patients had actually retrogressed rather than improved.

7. I know of no special therapy used on hospitalized cases for endemic diseases on Hainan Island. Therapy for malaria and amoebic dysentery appears to be the same as it was before the Communists came in. I have heard of no cases of plague on Hainan for a long time. The Communists are doing an excellent job of pray-ading typhoid and sholsra. In 1950, after the Communist take-over, every-one received innoculations for these diseases and the following year the incidence of typhoid was markedly reduced. Before the Communists came in there had been quite a lot of typhoid -- as many as 10 or 15 cases in the hospital at one time -- but after 1950 it was unusual to see one or two cases in the nospital. If the Communists continue their system of innoculations they will do a great deal medically for Painan. In addition to the immodulations the Communists are sending sanitary teams but to the villages to show them how to keep things clean, how to dig lattines, etc. The sanitary squads receive special training before going out to the villages.

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- 8. In the hospital in Holhew the surgical or hemostatic sponges which the Communists are using are supplies left over from the days before the Communist take-over, so I have no information on the type of sponges the Communists are supplying.
- 9. I saw no special equipment or unusual apparatus in the hospital in Heihow . ter
- 10. Penicillin, streptomycin and chloromycetin are being used in the Holhow hospital, and I am not sure whether aureomycin is used or not. I have no information as to the degree of availability or the source of the antibiotics, but I doubt if there are any pharmaceutical production plants in Holhow.
- 11. I believe that Unina would be able to synthesize drugs which normally are imported if they had the chamists to do it, but I doubt if there are any on Hainan. Under the Nationalists the National Epidemic Prevention Bureau had four laboratories that I know of where vaccine was produced. They were in Pelping, Nanking, Hansow and Kunming. I saw the lab in Kunming in 1940 and was very favorably impressed with it. I believe the vaccine which the Communists are using is still being produced in China, but I do not know whether it still tomes from these laboratories. The smallpox vaccine they dre using is very strong -- it seems to produce heleierated "takes" in most cases -- and the choleie vaccine is also very poor. The Public Health Bureau in Holhow where vaccinations are given is very clean -- the cleanest place for such purposes that I have ever seen in Holhow. I was interested to note that the international vaccination cards issued by the Chinese which were formerly printed in Chinese. French and English, are now in Chinese, Russian and English.

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